

REMARKS

Claims 23, 29, and 30 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 23-30 remain pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 23-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable to Funk (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,497) in view of Cheffetz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,133,065).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. As amended, claim 23 recites "...sending a validation request to validate the change to the file; and transmitting the change information through a network, wherein the transmission is initiated substantially concurrently with a time the change to the file occurs, if the change to the file is validated." Funk discloses a service processing system that receives information from sources and translates the information to a database format. (Col. 3, lines 42-66). Cheffetz et al. discloses a network backup process. (Col. 6, lines 18-59). However, neither Funk nor Cheffetz et al. either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest (sending a validation request to validate the change to the file; and transmitting the change information through a network, wherein the transmission is initiated substantially concurrently with a time the change to the file occurs, if the change to the file is validated. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 23 is allowable.

Claims 24-28 depend from claim 23 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. As claims 29 and 30 were amended similarly to claim 23, these claims are also believed to be allowable for those reasons stated above for claim 23.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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